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FOR

Removing the Magazine of Gunpowder at *Greenwich* to ſome more convenient Place, and further Diſtance from the ſaid Town, and the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*.

THE apparent Danger the ſaid Magazine is expoſed to, of being blown up by Treachery, Lightening, and other Accidents, ariſing from its preſent defenceleſs Situation and ruinous Condition, and the extenſive and ſcarce reparable Damage with which the Exploſion of perhaps 6 or 8,000 Barrels of Powder muſt be attended, cannot but cauſe terrible Apprehenſions to all who ſeriouſly conſider it:

Becauſe,

I. The Inhabitants of the Town of *Greenwich*, and the Places adjacent, muſt ſuffer inconceivably in their Lives and Properties, from the Deſtruction of the Houſes and Church there; and the Public by the Deſtruction of the Royal Palace, and that ſuperb Building the Royal Hoſpital for Seamen: The much to be dreaded Conſequence of ſuch an Exploſion! And who will pretend to ſay how much his Majeſty's Dock-yards and Store-houſes, both at *Deptford* and *Woolwich*, and even the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, may be affected by it?

II. The Banks of the River, not only on the *Kentiſh* Side, but alſo on the *Eſſex* Shore, would be ſo demoliſhed by the Shock, as greatly to obſtruct the Navigation of the River; and many Ships ſailing, or at Anchor, would in all Probability be deſtroyed.

In the Year 1718 Application was made to Parliament for the Removal of this Magazine; and his Majeſty, the late King, gave Orders to the Officers of Ordnance to remove the ſame: But, as it is apprehended, from the Want of ſufficient Power and Money to purchaſe Land, and to build a new one, nothing was done.

In the Year 1750 the Application to Parliament was renewed; when his Majeſty gave Orders for an Eſtimate of the Expence to be laid before the Houſe: And in the Year 1754 that Eſtimate (together with a Survey, recommending a proper Place), and alſo a Plan of the neceſſary Buildings, were laid before the Houſe; which Place is ſituate on a riſing Ground, at a proper Diſtance from any inhabited Place, and has a ſolid and dry Foundation; where, in caſe of an Accident, the Damage would not affect the Navigation of the River; and the ſaid Place is likewiſe free from any of the Objections made to that at *Greenwich*.

And, laſtly, the preſent very ruinous Condition of the ſaid Magazine, its Proximity to the Banks of the River, the Town of *Greenwich*, the Dock-yards, and the Capital, call for its ſpeedy Removal.

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